

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-3 (Canceled).

4. (Currently Amended) A dispenser for stacked sheets comprising a compartment with a dispensing slot, and means for slowing advance of a stack of sheets, wherein said means includes a plurality of projecting flexible elements positioned inside the compartment such that sheets can rest thereupon, and ~~as claimed in claim 1~~ wherein the flexible elements are fibers.

5. (Original) A dispenser as claimed in claim 4, wherein the fibers have a diameter ranging from 10/100 mm to 30/100 mm and a length ranging from 10 to 55 mm.

6. (Original) A dispenser as claimed in claim 4 or 5, wherein the fibers form brushes.

7. (Original) A dispenser as claimed in claim 6, wherein the brushes are positioned discontinuously along the compartment.

8. (Original) A dispenser as claimed in claim 4 or 5, wherein the fibers are tapered in length and the length of the fibers increases as the fibers are positioned closer to the dispensing slot.

9. (Original) A dispenser as claimed in claim 6, wherein the fibers are tapered in length and the length of

the fibers increases as the fibers are positioned closer to the dispensing slot.

10. (Original) A dispenser as claimed in claim 7, wherein the fibers are tapered in length and the length of the fibers increases as the fibers are positioned closer to the dispensing slot.

11. (Currently Amended) A dispenser for stacked sheets comprising a compartment with a dispensing slot, and means for slowing advance of a stack of sheets, wherein said means includes a plurality of projecting flexible elements positioned inside the compartment such that sheets can rest thereupon ~~as claimed in claim 1, and~~ wherein the flexible elements are flexible blades.

12. (Currently Amended) A dispenser for stacked sheets comprising a compartment with a dispensing slot, and means for slowing advance of a stack of sheets, wherein said means includes a plurality of projecting flexible elements positioned inside the compartment such that sheets can rest thereupon ~~as claimed in claim 1, and~~ wherein the flexible elements are coils of a helical spring under tension extending over at least part of a lengthwise area which receives stacked sheets.